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Shaun McGrath, Regional Administrator  
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Subject: CH2M Support to EPA for the Gold King Mine Release

Dear Administrator McGrath:

On behalf of all of my colleagues at CH2M, I want to acknowledge the energy, effectiveness, and integrity EPA has demonstrated in its immediate response to the sudden release of mine wastewater from the Gold King Mine. I am writing to let you know that CH2M has a compelling community interest and extensive engineering, scientific, and community engagement expertise and resources available to support the response effort. Through CH2M's long-term involvement with the Animas River Stakeholders Group (ARSG), and our mine site remediation work in and around the Silverton region, we have an in-depth understanding of the Cement Creek watershed and the local mining environment. We have a wide spectrum of expertise to help EPA implement source control measures to reduce discharges to Cement Creek; design, install and operate emergency treatment systems, interim and long term treatment of contaminated mine water discharge; assess environmental and biological impacts on the river and in the riparian habitat; conduct sampling and analysis of aqueous, sediment, vegetation and other biological materials; evaluate the bioavailability of contaminants from various media; conduct hydrologic modeling, and human health and ecological risk assessments; design, develop, and implement riverbed and riparian habitat restoration activities, and support critical community engagement and public outreach activities.

On a pro-bono basis, CH2M's scientific and engineering subject matter experts are available to consult and participate with EPA as you develop your response and recovery strategy. I am hoping we can find a few minutes at your convenience to talk by phone to better understand your immediate challenges, and directly convey CH2M's ability, interest, and commitment to supporting EPA. I appreciate that the response effort is consuming, and your time is limited and pressured. I will try your office next week, and can be reached anytime on my mobile phone, Personal Phone/Ex. 6

Sincerely,  
CH2M

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Christopher P. Shea'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized 'S' at the end.

Chris Shea  
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